

# Secret Service Agents Start Hunt For German Spies Due to Navy "Accidents"

## DANIELSEN FINDS MARE ISLAND BLAST PART OF PROGRAM

Officials Recall Mysterious Disasters to British Warships and See Possibility of Similar Occurrences Here.

Every wheel of the Government machinery to ferret out spies is turning today following further reports to the State Department of the work of German agents in the United States.

A nation-wide hunt, directed against spies who have sought to cripple the American navy and cause strained relations between the United States and other countries, has been set in motion. Two "accidents" in connection with naval forces in the last two days and within little more than a month of the disastrous explosion at the Mare Island navy yard have brought matters to a crisis.

Determined Action Taken. Evidence is in the hands of the State Department that makes officials believe Germany intended to make war on the United States after finishing with France and England.

Bearing in mind the long list of "unexplained" explosions aboard British battleships, several of which were totally destroyed, Secretary Daniels has taken steps to strike at the enemy plots which have resulted in the series of blows against the navy.

Determined action was taken following the unofficial announcement that information had come to the State Department that "the Mare Island plot was only part of a widespread program."

## "I WASN'T BAD," SAYS NOTE OF GIRL SUICIDE

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—"Talk of me any way you wish, but God and my dear mother, who both watched over me, know I was good. All of you called me good for nothing, but I hope you will find out you were mistaken. If you ever think of me when I am dead, think of the one you have driven to her grave by your everlasting nagging."

Anna Olson, seventeen years old, an orphan, penciled the foregoing to her brother and sister and turned on the gas in her room at the home of her sister. She was found dead.

The girl worked as a clerk in a department store. She was said to have been reprimanded by her sister and the latter's husband for remaining out nights.

MAIL TICKETS FOR CONSCRIPTS.

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## \$100,000 ASKED FOR CANAL ROADS ARMY MENURGED

Related recognition of the need of proper defense of the Panama Canal was seen today in estimates sent to the House by the Secretary of War asking for the construction of military roads leading out from the canal.

General staff officers for years have been urging just such action, since General Edwa. da. then in command of the troops on the canal zone, advocated the road construction as a necessary part of adequate defense of the "big ditch."

Goethals Opposed It. At that time General Goethals opposed the plan, stating that it was unnecessary as the thick jungle, coming to the very edge of the canal on both sides, was sufficient to prevent a land attack from enemy forces landed at a point up or down the coast.

The fortifications subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee of the House accepted General Goethals' view then and has never seen fit to change its view, despite the fact that General Edwards proved conclusively that an enemy could pass through the jungle, taking a whole brigade fully equipped at the rate of eight miles a day through the tangled tropical forest without any particular difficulty.

Renew Appeal Yearly. The recommendation for construction of the roads has been renewed every year, but has been unavailing until this time. The value of the roads in moving troops and supplies out to a point distant from the canal to oppose an enemy's approach there, instead of permitting the attacking force to move to a point where its artillery could reach the indispensable waterway with its artillery.

## 17 OF PERSHING'S MEN IN HOBOKEN HOSPITAL

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 28.—Seventeen members of the American expeditionary force have been invalided home from France and are in St. Mary's Hospital. Two of them have the mumps and the ailments of none of the other fifteen are due to bullet, high explosive, gas or anything else more warlike than kidney disease.

On the arrival in France, according to Dr. Blankenship, house physician of St. Mary's, the soldiers were subjected to a rigid physical examination. The seventeen at St. Mary's were those who were sent back to the United States for medical treatment in France, they were sent back to Dr. Blankenship said that he understood they are to be discharged from the army when they are able to leave the hospital.

## NEWMAN OFF TONIGHT FOR PETERSBURG CAMP

Major Oliver P. Newman, who on Saturday submitted to the President his resignation as District Commissioner, will leave tonight for the army cantonment near Petersburg, Va.

Major Newman was at the District building today for a few minutes, arranging his final affairs and bidding farewell to his associates in the District service. His stay at Petersburg, he said, is indefinite.

The appointment of a successor to Major Newman is expected this week.

## Iowa Editor Tells Of Spy Wireless In Nebraska Corn Belt

CARROLL, Iowa, Aug. 28.—J. B. Hungerford in the Herald says he knows certain facts which prove there is a system of espionage in this country. He tells of the discovery of a wireless plant supposed to have been operated by two farm hands.

The farm hands, he says, were spies. Messages, he says, were received from Cuba, Mexico, California, and even from the English channel. The "farm hands" had been sending out "grain quotations," also using cipher, which it is claimed were spy messages. He uses it to point the moral that all is not well in America.

## BRAW SCOTSMEN COME TO RECRUIT "HELL'S LADIES"

Two braw Scotsmen of the 236th Canadian Overseas Battalion—the Germans call 'em "the ladies from hell"—bent their heads, exhausted their height and bulk from a Pullman car today and marched upon the Capital looking for money and recruits for the MacLean Klites of America.

Sergeant J. Ernest Kerr, of the 236th Canadians, has been assigned to recruiting duty here, and he wore his knees bare and a dirk in his sock. He carried recruiting literature, also, and if he takes back any recruits at all, they'll probably be Scotch by ancestry and all real, honest-to-goodness men. It was the 236th that sent over that battalion of six footers and who made it altogether unfeasible to take prisoners because there were no prisoners to take.

The MacLean Klites originally were in battle in 1745, says Sergeant Kerr, but the present war brought it out again. Over in Canada, the government supplied no kilt to the MacLeans, but patriotic Canadians outfitted the men in the tan, shoes, khaki leggings, colored hose, sporran, shawl, dirk, kilt, Canadian tunic and bonnet surmounted with the MacLean family badge.

A section of sixteen men of the American klites will require \$800 to completely equip it, and \$2,000 to equip a platoon. All contributions should be sent to Robert Earl May, 33 Franklin street, Boston.

Commissioner Brownlow and other officials will attend the exercises. Mrs. W. P. Wilcox, Scout captain of Troop 30, the two graduating groups, will accompany the demonstration team.

## GIRL SCOUT CANNERS TO GET CERTIFICATES

Two groups of Girl Scouts, who have recently been taking lessons in canning as arranged by Miss Mary Watson Thurston of the United States Department of Agriculture, are to be awarded certificates of merit at the Thompson School, Twelfth and L streets northwest, tonight.

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## PRESIDENT SENDS REPLY TO POPE'S OFFER OF PEACE

By DAVID LAWRENCE. (Continued from Page One.)

The United States will be ready to enter a peace conference. Every indication today—in fact, it has been so ever since the Pope's note arrived—is that the United States intends to fight with undiminished energy in the immediate future, but the mediation of the Vatican in the form in which it was urged, while not yet acceptable, may, of course, prove a basis for discussion later on as the views of both sets of belligerents have been developed.

This leads to the general supposition that the President, while rejecting the principle of mediation at this time, shows the United States not to be averse to discussion of its war aims whenever an expression on their part is sincerely sought by the Central Powers.

## BAKER ASSIGNS SIX OFFICERS TO CAMP LEE

The War Department today announced that the following army officers had been ordered to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., for duty with the Eightieth Division.

Lieut. Col. Edward A. Sturges, field artillery; Major George A. Lynch, infantry; Major John B. Barnes, infantry; Lieut. Col. Charles E. Morrow as chief surgeon, and Major Henry P. Carter as sanitary inspector. Major George E. Spalding, engineer, is relieved from duty at Fort Myer and assigned to the 310th Engineers at Camp Lee.

Major Arthur M. Whaley, formerly chief medical officer at Fort Myer training camp, is ordered to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., to be chief surgeon of the Thirtieth Division.

## U. V. HOSPITAL UNIT READY TO "GO ACROSS"

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Aug. 28.—Sixty-five Red Cross nurses and 102 doctors and assistants and ambulance drivers—comprising the University of Virginia's base hospital unit, No. 41—today are momentarily expecting orders to entrain for a point of embarkation for France. Richmond and Norfolk Red Cross chapters raised \$50,000 for the unit's equipment.

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## Lemon Juice For Freckles

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a skin cream that will remove freckles and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft, and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.—Adv.

## PEACE AND REFORM NEW CHIEF AIMS OF GERMAN MAJORITY

THE HAGUE, Aug. 28.—Members of the majority bloc in the German Reichstag are to link up the peace issue with their demand for domestic reforms when the Reichstag convenes on September 26, said a dispatch from a German source today.

Whether or not Dr. Michaelis will be holding the post of imperial chancellor at that time will make no difference to the liberal coalition, it was said.

The majority bloc, which was responsible for the passage of the peace resolution in the Reichstag last month, is already planning a series of meetings for the purpose of drawing up a program, and the leaders declared they will not be deflected from their course by promises.

That the imperial advisers of the Kaiser are taking alarm over the growing strength of the majority bloc is being indicated by telegrams from Berlin.

Dr. Matthias Erbsberger, of the Clericals, probably will act as floor spokesman for the majority bloc on the floor of the Reichstag next month.

## 5,000 PERSONS AT ROCKVILLE FAIR ON OPENING DAY

ROCKVILLE, Md., August 28.—Five thousand persons, a record-breaking crowd, saw the first day of the annual Montgomery County fair and agricultural exposition, which opened today under flattering auspices.

Horse races this afternoon drew out a big crowd from all over western Maryland. Seven horses will start in the harness race and nine will dash for honors in the running race. Entries are in charge of the executive committee of the Agricultural Society of Montgomery County.

Big Livestock Exhibit. The exhibit of livestock, including horses, cattle, sheep, mules and pigs, was the largest ever shown to fair-goers in this county.

After a free athletic show, the awards for excellence of stock production will be made by John J. Higgins, Lee Offutt and H. J. Hunt, composing the jury.

The premium list for the best exhibits of canned goods, quilts and garment making, was available at the eleventh hour by donations from Rockville merchants. The awards will be made to winners of this contest. Hundreds of exhibits were claiming the attention of early arrivals today.

Thursday Banner Day. Plans were made by fair officials to make Thursday the greatest day of all the four that the fair will hold away. A number of free carnival attractions have been provided.

A big athletic show is the chief feature of the amusement program. A high diving act is given several times each day in front of the grand stand. The number of fakers, fortune tellers, and booth vendors is larger than usual.

## Vital Records.

**Births.** Albert and Hattie King, girl. Frank and Jessie Jones, boy. Gus and Anna Gettich, boy. John B. and Margaret Fairley, girl. William P. and Emma R. Mandley, girl. John and Helen Stewart, boy. John and Pauline Houston, boy.

**Marriage Licenses.** Arnelous A. Gibson, 27, and Verna G. Harris, 26, both of Charlottesville. The Rev. J. H. Jeffries.

Benjamin H. Mitchell, 24, and Hattie S. Eyr, 18, both of Sugar Grove, W. Va. The Rev. John W. Wardman. Ernest Paul Jones, 19, and Sarah Woods, 17, both of Washington. The Rev. Paul Griffith. Earl S. Kendrick, 25, and Ruth A. Fittin, 21, both of Washington. The Rev. John B. Briggs.

Hugh Fraser, 24, and Alexandra Stephen Noble, 24, both of Washington. Judge Milton Brashers.

John F. Bushler, Jr., 26, and Frances E. Albre, 24, both of Washington. The Rev. H. Butler.

**Deaths.** Willie E. Harding, 47 yrs., D. G. bathing beach. Catherine J. Dunn, 43 yrs., Garfield Hos. Samuel C. Stables, 47 yrs., 1413 Columbia road n.w.

Ernest Van Horn, 52 yrs., St. Elizabeth Hos. Joseph Troiano, 44 yrs., 1107 N. J. ave. n.w. James A. Stephenson, 69 yrs., Emergency Hos. Albert O. Burdgett, 41 yrs., Georgetown church.

Julia H. Forrest, 96 yrs., Wardman Court west. Gertrude Peach, 77 yrs., Garfield Hos. Walter S. Abraham, 48 yrs., 2705 Morrison st. n.w.

Pearl Brandt, 5 yrs., 19th and Bryant sts. n.w. Elizabeth F. Farmer, 1 yr., 1928 1st st. n.w. Maud G. Tillman, 24 yrs., 1183 P st. n.w.

Elmer E. Polley, 12 mos., 622 14th st. n.w. Ann C. Rowell, 64 yrs., 201 N. C. ave. s.e. Eleanor W. Polley, 12 mos., 622 14th st. n.w. William J. Wilson, 41 yrs., U. S. Soldiers' Home Hos.

Home Hos. Bruce C. Scoots, 20 yrs., Walter Road Hos. Henry Hoacoe, 23 yrs., Wash. Ave. Hos. Carol Diggs, 7 yrs., Garfield Hos.

Robert Trest, 21 yrs., 1008 Chase st. n.w. Ocie Tulliver, 23 yrs., Union Station. Allice Bowman, 14 yrs., Tuberculosis Hos.

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## BONZANO ASSERTS ENDING OF WAR IS FIRST OF NEEDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 28.—Any agency regardless of political, religious or national affiliation that has for its aim the promotion of peace—permanent or temporary—should be encouraged.

Archbishop Bonzano, apostolic delegate, was discussing the Stockholm peace conference and the attitude of various nations in refusing passports to delegates when he made the above statement.

"No matter from whom or what quarters peace talk may come, it is most welcome to the holy father," the apostolic delegate said. "Any agency seeking to end the internecine strife that is drenching the world with blood of nations should be given a hearing."

"The Holy See does not desire any monopoly of the credit for securing peace. In his first application to the belligerents, the holy father made it clear that cessation of war, not the terms or determining factors—was of first importance."

While the delegate refused to view optimistically the aftermath of the war, he looks into the future with hope rather than apprehension. "The holy father and all hope for a religious regeneration," he said. "I am not a politician, not a diplomat. Of political, industrial, and economic conditions, I could not even hazard an assumption."

Bonzano today was on his way to Washington. He has been attending the sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies in session here.

## NURSE, IN ILL HEALTH, ENDS LIFE WITH GAS

Coroner Nevitt today issued a certificate of suicide in the case of Miss Irma Marmaduke, twenty-one years old, native of a nearby county in Virginia, who was found dead from inhaling illuminating gas in her room at 2139 Pennsylvania avenue northwest yesterday.

Miss Marmaduke came to this city in March, 1916, from her home to accept an appointment as nurse at the Government Hospital for the Insane. Her health had been failing lately and she gave up her position on August 1.

The woman at whose home she had been living detected the odor of gas yesterday evening and traced it to the young woman's room. The emergency hospital ambulance was called, but the girl was dead when it arrived.

The body will be taken back to Virginia on one of the river boats tomorrow.

The "cut-in" or change from one exchange to the other will be made on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, and will result in an interruption to traffic that will not last longer than three minutes. The preparation for this change has occupied gangs of workmen twenty-four hours a day since early in the spring.

The use of numbers running above 10,000 in the main exchange is made necessary by the demands for reserve trunk lines to meet growing traffic conditions. In the case of private branch exchanges, these numbers must be reserved in series, even though some of them are not in active use.

## Daniels to Rename Seized Teuton Ships And Delight Sailors

Secretary Daniels today rushed to the protection of many United States sailors embarrassed with the names of seized German ships on their caps.

He will change the names of all former German vessels now in naval service, he announced.

## NEW EXCHANGE FOR PHONE SYSTEM TO BE ADDED SUNDAY

Washington will awake next Sunday and find itself with a big city telephone system.

The territory now covered by the main exchange will include another, Franklin, which is designated as a relief exchange. Furthermore, the use of telephone numbers running above 10,000 will begin in Washington that morning for the first time in history.

Division Manager Porter today outlined the changes that were indicated by the issuance of a new telephone book. The new book cannot be used before Sunday morning, because the numbers scheduled there do not go into effect before that time.

Calling Numbers Ahead. As soon as the books were issued, though, persons began calling for Franklin numbers. All operators had been instructed to refer callers to the old book until Sunday morning.

The new Franklin exchange will care for all public pay stations and party line traffic in the territory covered by the main exchange. Both are housed in the main building, at 722 Twelfth street, but the main operating force will handle only big private branch exchange business and private line business traffic.

Make Change Saturday. The "cut-in" or change from one exchange to the other will be made on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, and will result in an interruption to traffic that will not last longer than three minutes. The preparation for this change has occupied gangs of workmen twenty-four hours a day since early in the spring.

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These amendments are serially numbered. No. 1 will be first offered and if it is adopted, none of the others will be offered. If it fails of adoption, then the next lower will be offered and so on until one may be favorably set upon.

## WILL BUY FOR ALLIES.

Announcement of an allied purchasing commission to make all purchases in the United States for our allies has been made by Secretary McAdoo, Bernard M. Baruch, Robert S. Lovett, and Robert S. Brookings, members of the War Industries Board, have been named as the commission.

## LA FOLLETTE BILL DEMANDS HIGH TAX ON WAR PROFITS

Each of Eight Amendments Purposes to Strike Out Graduated Excess—Favored by Committee.

Senator La Follette this afternoon introduced eight amendments proposing increased rates on war profits.

Each of these amendments purposes to strike from the bill the graduated excess profits tax as reported by the committee, and to substitute for it a flat tax.

To Be Offered in Rotation. Senator La Follette would begin with an amendment of 75 per cent and if the Senate fails to adopt that, he purposes to offer amendments at lower percentages. There is a drop of 4 per cent, between each of his amendments.

The amount of revenue which would be derived from each of the La Follette amendments, taking \$3,000,000,000 as the basis of war profits, will be:

First—At 75 per cent, \$2,250,000,000. Second—At 72 per cent, \$2,160,000,000. Third—At 68 per cent, \$2,040,000,000. Fourth—At 64 per cent, \$1,920,000,000. Fifth—At 60 per cent, \$1,800,000,000. Sixth—At 56 per cent, \$1,680,000,000. Seventh—At 52 per cent, \$1,560,000,000. Eighth—At 48 per cent, \$1,440,000,000.

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